

Update 113

BBE(LOCAL)	Revised	Provision on Board Members access to confidential information; Cross-reference to CPC for offenses on misuse of official information and BBFB for misuse of official information; Reordering of provisions.
BDD(LOCAL)	Revised	Updated to reflect common practices. Many law firms use an engagement letter to establish the fees & expenses for services. Revision regarding legal advice to the Board; Wording regarding staff requests for legal advice.
BJCD(LOCAL)	Revised	Revisions regarding the Superintendent's evaluation. Changes also clarify that the evaluation may take place in closed meeting or open meeting.
CI(LOCAL)	Revised	Recommended a more simplified policy that authorizes the Superintendent to declare district materials, equipment and supplies to be unnecessary. Also recommended adding a statement that instructional materials must be disposed of in accordance with law. A change clarifies that property obtained with federal funds or as federal surplus must be managed in accordance with federal law. Because BJA(LOCAL) permits the Superintendent to delegate responsibilities to other employees, language referring to the Superintendent's designee has been removed.
CO(LOCAL)	Revised	Recommended revision expands the provision authorizing the Superintendent to develop regulations on donation of leftover food. A change in Federal Law deletes the specific reference to reimbursable or alternate meals to provide to a student who has insufficient funds to purchase a meal following the District's meal grace period.
COA(LOCAL)	Revised	Recommended for inclusion in the District's policy manual to comply with state and federal procurement rules on use of child nutrition funds. The text assigns responsibility to the Superintendent to oversee the use of federal child nutrition funds. Provisions are included to authorize the Superintendent to determine whether the District will apply a geographic preference when procuring locally grown or raised agricultural products.
COB(LOCAL)	ADD	Recommended for inclusion in the District's policy manual to address elements of the federal free and reduced-price meals. New text addresses student & parent appeals regarding the eligibility for free or reduced-price meal programs. Local policy provides an avenue for appeal of the hearing official's decision. Federal & State guidance also requires districts to inform individuals alleging discrimination in school meal programs based on race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability of the procedure and right to file a complaint with the Texas and U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.
CRB(LOCAL)	DELETE	Policy addresses the types of insurance the District will purchase and is recommended for deletion as these decisions are typically made during the budget process.
EFD(LOCAL)	DELETE	The Districts locally developed provisions on field trips have been deleted & recommendation that these provisions be placed in the Administrative regulations.

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EHBAF(LOCAL)	Revised	<p>Recommended revisions to this policy on video & audio monitoring of Special Ed Classrooms are from revised Administrative Code rules effective 1/31/2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests for cameras to be installed must be in writing • The addition of affirmative statement that the District must operate the cameras during the instructional day at all times when “one or more” students are in the classroom • The revision of language regarding areas used for changing a student’s clothes • The reference to “release” of video recordings to specified individuals • At Complaints, new provisions addressing the ability of a parent, staff member or district administrator to request an expedited review of certain complaints
FNF(LOCAL)	Revised	<p>This policy has been revised to align with common practices & current case law.</p> <p>District officials may question a student about the student’s or another student’s conduct, and students may not refuse to answer based on the right not to incriminate themselves.</p> <p>Provisions about District property inform students that they have no expectation of privacy in District property and such property may be searched at any time with notice.</p> <p>General search provisions have been added & outlined the District’s authority to conduct searches of students, their belongings, and vehicles in accordance with law. The policy explains when district officials may initiate a search.</p> <p>The policy permits but does not require the district to conduct metal detector searches.</p> <p>Administration is recommending removal of mandatory drug testing for athletes. TASB had recommended not having testing for one group, so their recommendation was to include all extra-curricular programs if the Board chose to continue with drug testing. The section on “Drug Testing of Students Suspected to Be Under the Influence” was left in the policy.</p>